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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 90-day report pursuant to Order of July 7, 2003, DA 03-2196
WT Docket 02-100

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Anne Arundel County, Maryland ("County") submits the interference mitigation status report called for by ¶¶26 and 29 of the referenced Order. A 30-day status report was filed August 6, 2003. Both Nextel and Cingular Wireless have continued to work with us on resolving interference at some 20 sites not yet fully mitigated. We have continued to test with Motorola the new receivers with signal attenuation features we estimate could resolve another 11 sites.

However, only one site among the 20 still experiencing unacceptable interference has been resolved in the past two months. The site is known as Priest Bridge. Assuming the new receivers perform as hoped, we estimate that eight sites will remain unresolved. The overall estimate remains essentially as we provided in an attachment to an ex parte communication of July 17, 2003 in WT Docket 02-100.

As the Commission is aware, Nextel and the County have entered into an Asset Exchange Agreement by which the County seeks to use 14 channels now licensed to Nextel. This is part of a planned system expansion from four to 10 sites. The FCC granted us September 23, 2003 Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to use these channels, initially at the four existing sites and one new site. The County wishes to express particular thanks to the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for the speed with which the STA application was processed.

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Applications for permanent acquisition of the 14 channels, in exchange for 14 County channels that would be assigned to Nextel, have been submitted to APCO for frequency coordination, together with the necessary request for waiver to permit public safety use of certain General Category frequencies. We expect the applications and accompanying waiver to be filed soon with the FCC.

Sincerely,

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cc: John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
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